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SUBJ: CARRIER TASK GROUP IN INDIAN OCEAN

1. PAKISTAN ENGLISH AND LOCAL LANGUAGE PRESS HAS SO FAR GIVEN MODEST FACTUAL NEWS COVERAGE TO VISIT OF USN TASK FORCE TO INDIAN OCEAN, SUMMARIZING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING ON SUBJECT AND REPORTING ADVERSE COMMENTS FROM OTHER INDIAN OCEAN CAPITALS. REPORTS HAVE ALSO NOTED ALLEGED PRESENCE SOVIET SHIPS WEST OF SRI LANKA. PRESS HAS CARRIED UPI LONDON-DATELINED SPECULATION THAT TASK FORCE IS AIMED AT PLANNED ARAB NAVAL BLOCKADE OF RED SEA BUT LITTLE OTHER ANALYTICAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED. TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT.

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2. GOP HAS ISSUED NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING

TASK FORCE NOR HAS MATTER BEEN RAISED WITH US PRIVATELY.

3. COMMENT: GOP HAS OCCASIONALLY SHOWN SYMPATHY FOR
GENERAL CONCEPT OF A "PEACE ZONE" AS PART OF ITS
POLICY OF SUPPORTING POPULAR THIRD WORLD CAUSES,
AND IT HAS ENDORSED SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE AS
MEANS OF DISSUADING INDIA FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR
WEAPONS. AT SAME TIME, GOP IS WORRIED OVER SOVIET INTENTIONS
THIS AREA AND IS OBVIOUSLY TAKING RELAXED ATTITUDE
TOWARD PRESENCE USN TASK FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN.
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